

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINATION BRANCH**

In Re application of:  
Richard Humpleman, et al.

Application No.: 10/606,296

Filed: June 24, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A  
HOME NETWORK AUTO-TREE  
BUILDER

Examiner: Philip C. Lee

Group Art Unit: 2448

Confirmation No.: 2879

Substance of the Interview  
dated April 29, 2009

**SUBSTANCE OF THE INTEVIEW OF APRIL 29, 2009**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

On April 29, 2009, attorney Steven Laut (Reg. No. 47,736) conducted an interview with Examiner Philip C. Lee. Previously, Steven Laut had left a detailed voicemail regarding the issued Advisory Action including a notice of non-compliant amendment. Steven Laut had asserted that under MPEP §714 that the Advisory Action should have included reasons for issuance of the Advisory Action in addition to the notice of non-compliant amendment. The Examiner acknowledged that the Advisory Action should have included the additional reasons for not entering the claims, as the arguments and amendments included in the response to the Final Office Action dated December 10, 2008 would require the Examiner to conduct further consideration and/or search. The Examiner asserted that he will mail out a supplemental Advisory Action indicating that the arguments and amendments in the response to the Final Office Action dated December 10, 2008 require further consideration and/or search. When asked about why an Examiner's amendment wasn't used to cancel the obviously duplicated

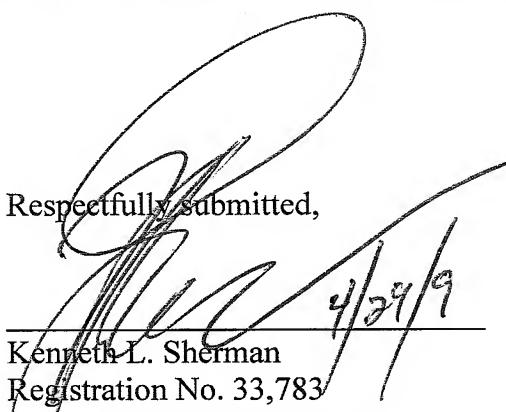
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claim the Examiner stated it would not have mattered as the amendment and arguments still require further consideration and/or search. The Examiner also indicated that if the client decides to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that he is willing to work with us as he believes the application is close to being allowed.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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